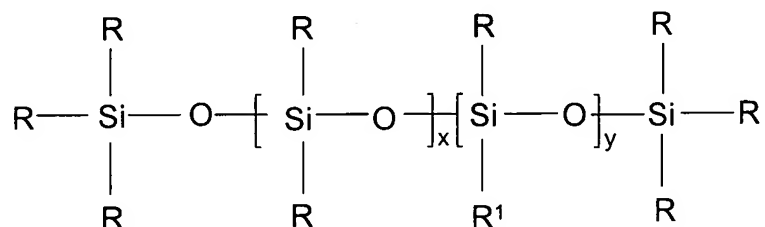


REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Currently, claims 50-81, including independent claims 50, 64, and 80, are pending in the present application. Independent claim 50, for instance, is directed to a melt extrudable composition comprising one or more elastomeric styrenic block polymers. The elastomeric polymers constitute about 50 wt.% or more of the composition. The composition also comprises one or more polyorganosiloxanes having the following formula:



wherein,

R is an alkyl radical;

R¹ is a monovalent organic radical comprising an ethylene oxide group, vicinal epoxy group, or amino group; and

x and y are independently selected from the group consisting of positive integers.

As an initial matter, the Office Action indicated that claims 80-81 are allowed.

Claims 50 and 64 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Although Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection, in light of the present amendments to claims 50 and 64, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is moot.


For the same reason, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of dependent claims 51-63 and 65-79 is also now moot.

It is believed that the present application is in complete condition for allowance and favorable action, is therefore requested. Examiner Peng is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned, however, should any issues remain after consideration of this Amendment.

Please charge any additional fees required by this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 04-1403.

Respectfully requested,

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